

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/284,222

Applicant(s)

Tsujiimoto

Examiner

Tracy Dove

Art Unit

1745



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tracy Dove

(3) _____

(2) Tom Basso

(4) _____

Date of Interview May 14, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all pending

Identification of prior art discussed:

Koichiro JP-9-213337

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant argued that a binder content of 10-15 wt% would not be obvious in view of the Koichiro teaching of 8 wt% binder. Applicant points out Table 2. Examiner stated that claim 7 recites "binder comprises", which is open language and claim 12 states the binder includes cellulose. Thus, the 10-15 wt% binder ranges can be the copolymer and cellulose, not just the copolymer. Furthermore, the specification and examples indicate that the invention lies in the ratio of the PVDF and SBR polymers, not the amount of binder (see Table 1 and page 6). Note any significant claim amendments would require further search and/or consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required